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Average Annual Pay by State, 1993

The average annual pay of all workers covered by State and Federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) programs was $26,362 in 1993, a 1.8 percent increase over the 1992 national average, according to preliminary data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. The annual pay of private industry workers, comprising 83 percent of the nation's employment, rose 1.5 percent in 1993, while pay for government workers rose 3.1 percent. In 1992, private sector pay growth had outpaced that of government workers 5.7 to 4.0 percent.

Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, the District of Columbia again led the nation with an average annual pay level of $39,199 in 1993. The District of Columbia has reported the highest average pay level since 1987. Connecticut had the second highest level in 1993 ($33,169), followed by New York ($32,919), New Jersey ($32,716), and Alaska ($32,336). The ranking of the District of Columbia and the top 10 states by pay level was unchanged from 1992. These same 10 states and the District of Columbia also are the only ones to exceed the national average pay level in 1993, as they had for the past 5 years.

South Dakota's average annual pay was the lowest during 1993--$18,613--followed by North Dakota ($19,382), Mississippi ($19,694), Montana ($19,932), and Arkansas ($20,337). The ranking of the bottom five states has been unchanged since 1988. The 1993 ranking of the bottom 15 remained the same as the previous year.

The District of Columbia and South Dakota posted the largest percentage increase in pay from 1992 to 1993 (3.3 percent), followed by New Mexico (3.2 percent) and Hawaii (3.1 percent). Michigan, Montana, and Nevada tied for the next highest increase (2.9 percent).

New Hampshire's 0.4 percent increase in average annual pay was the smallest for 1993. Washington had the next smallest increase (0.8 percent), followed by West Virginia (0.9 percent), Maine (1.0 percent), and Arkansas (1.1 percent). No state reported a decline in average annual pay for the sixth straight year.

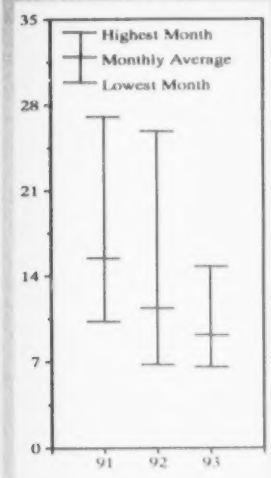
Average Annual Pay in Maine	
1992	$21,808
1993	$22,026

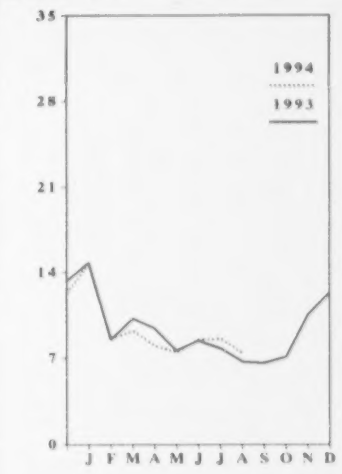
The 1.8 percent increase in 1993 national average annual pay was the lowest recorded since the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing these data in 1980. From 1980 to 1992, national average annual pay increases ranged from 3.2 percent (1989) to 9.4 percent (1980). All 50 states and the District of Columbia experienced lower rates of pay growth for 1993 than in 1992.

Source: Average Annual Pay by State and Industry, 1993, USDL 94-454, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

See related graph on page 2.

UI Initial Claims
In Thousands





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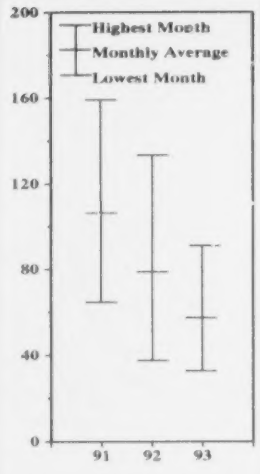
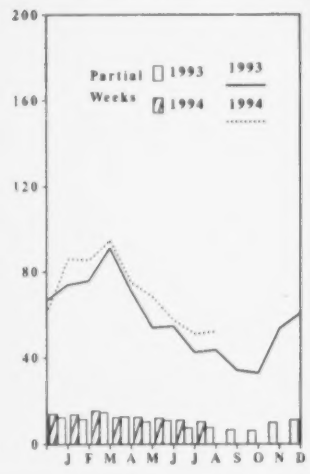
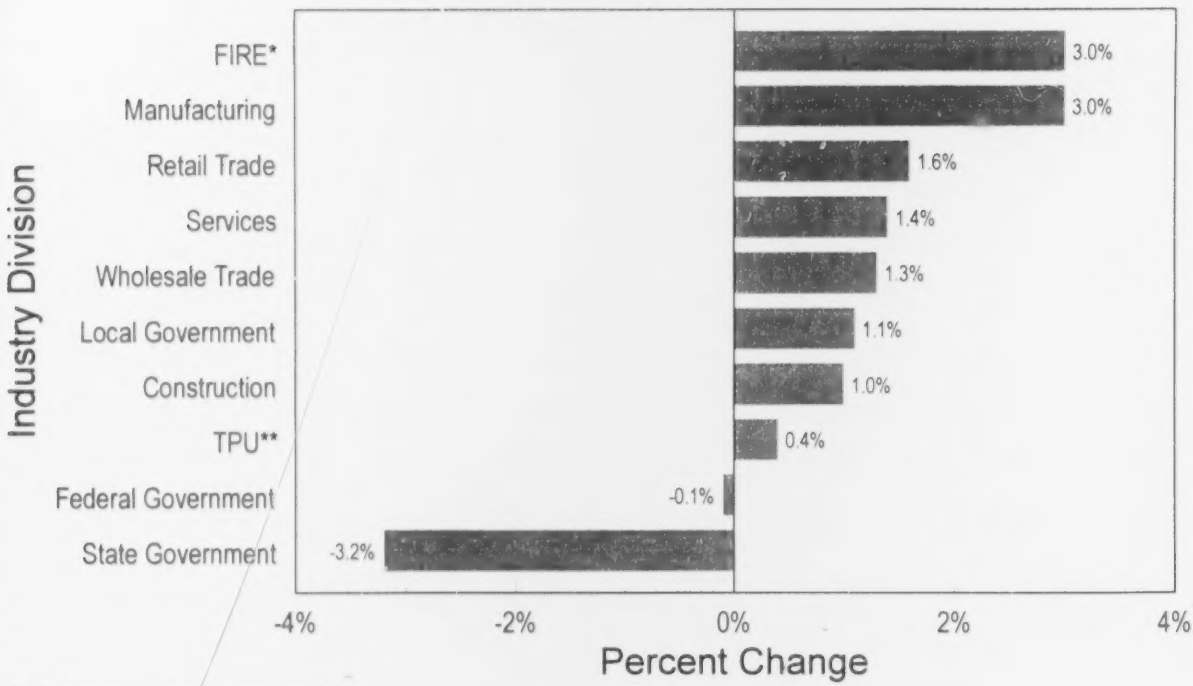




Average Annual Pay in Maine by Industry
Percent Change, 1992 - 1993[1]



* *FIRE: Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.*

** *TPU: Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities.*

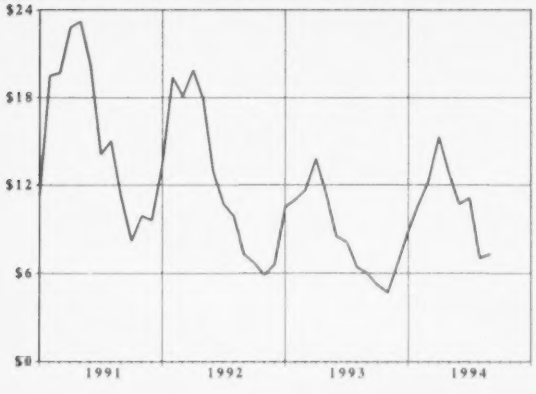
[1] Includes workers covered under the Maine Unemployment Insurance and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employee programs.

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1991	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1992	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1993
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$470.70	$479.10	$472.65	40.3	39.4	41.1	$11.68	$12.16	$11.50	$11.08	$11.38	$11.63
Durable Goods	463.64	468.08	470.50	39.9	39.5	41.2	11.62	11.85	11.42	10.61	11.14	11.43
Lumber and Wood Products	384.40	382.45	374.03	41.2	40.6	40.7	9.33	9.42	9.19	8.97	9.25	9.33
Primary and Fabricated Metals	455.67	371.68	506.16	41.2	36.8	45.6	11.06	10.10	11.10	10.18	10.45	11.00
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	618.36	646.70	573.40	44.2	45.8	42.6	13.99	14.12	13.46	12.43	12.82	13.32
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	400.38	431.30	423.94	36.8	36.8	41.0	10.88	11.72	10.34	9.91	10.02	10.33
Transportation Equipment	551.45	568.37	589.37	37.9	38.3	40.2	14.55	14.84	14.67	12.55	14.09	14.64
Other Durable Goods	406.28	388.17	369.95	41.5	40.1	40.3	9.79	9.68	9.18	8.57	8.86	8.89
Nondurable Goods	475.83	487.26	475.53	40.6	39.2	41.1	11.72	12.43	11.57	11.48	11.57	11.79
Food and Kindred Products	343.62	361.01	346.66	36.4	36.8	39.8	9.44	9.81	8.71	8.76	9.15	9.34
Textile Mill Products	401.39	377.10	407.79	45.1	39.2	42.7	8.90	9.62	9.55	8.82	9.03	9.49
Apparel and Other Textile Products	315.09	267.92	291.78	38.1	33.2	37.6	8.27	8.07	7.76	7.28	7.65	7.95
Paper and Allied Products	725.05	741.11	730.60	42.7	41.8	42.8	16.98	17.73	17.07	16.06	16.25	16.63
Leather and Leather Products	327.76	319.58	322.00	39.3	38.0	40.2	8.34	8.41	8.01	7.82	7.92	8.00
Other Nondurable Goods	417.25	416.81	404.60	39.7	39.1	40.0	10.51	10.66	10.11	9.85	10.07	10.28
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	422.47	415.91	420.42	39.3	39.2	39.7	10.75	10.61	10.59	10.45	10.55	10.68
LEWISTON.AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	391.11	396.72	391.55	41.3	38.0	41.0	9.47	10.44	9.55	9.33	9.53	9.82

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	303.3	305.0	312.5
Unemployment	15.8	13.9	20.3
(Percent)	5.2%	4.5%	6.5%
Resident Employed	287.5	291.2	292.3

U.S. Consumer Price Index

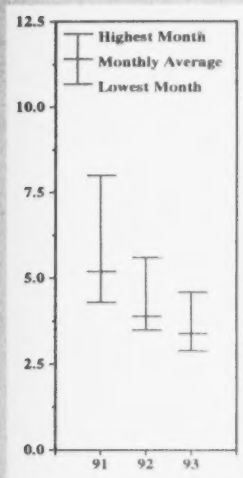
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	149.0	148.4	144.8	145.8

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.9%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.2%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

New Applications For Work

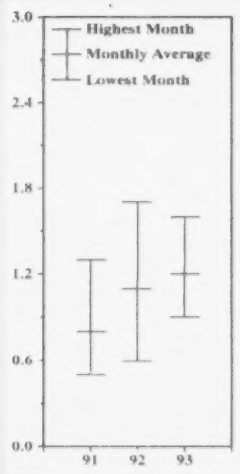
In Thousands

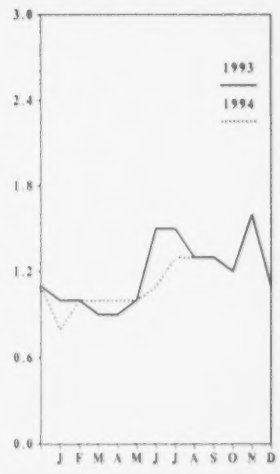


Nonfarm Placements

In Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	536.7	531.2	532.4	125.9	125.9	126.9	40.5	39.7	39.2
Goods Producing	117.7	114.6	117.7	19.2	19.4	19.0	10.5	10.0	10.3
Construction and Mining	24.2	23.9	23.9	5.7	5.6	5.6	1.9	1.8	1.8
Building Construction	5.7	5.6	5.4	1.2	1.1	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.5	13.4	13.3	3.8	3.8	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	93.5	90.7	93.8	13.5	13.8	13.4	8.6	8.2	8.5
Durable Goods	41.6	41.6	40.8	5.7	6.2	5.8	2.2	2.1	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	11.3	11.2	11.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.4	3.3	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.3	3.9	1.4	1.4	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip	6.8	6.9	6.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.0	12.2	12.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	3.7	3.7	3.8	2.3	2.8	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	51.9	49.1	53.0	7.8	7.6	7.6	6.4	6.1	6.2
Food and Kindred Products	7.5	6.4	7.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.6	5.3	5.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.4	2.2	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	15.6	15.7	16.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.4	5.4	1.8	1.7	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.1	3.0	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	10.4	9.3	10.1	1.4	1.3	1.2	2.1	1.9	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.6	7.6	8.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	4.3	4.2	4.4
Service Producing	419.0	416.6	414.7	106.7	106.5	107.9	30.0	29.7	28.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.0	22.1	22.7	6.0	6.1	5.9	1.5	1.5	1.5
Wholesale Trade	23.8	23.6	23.8	8.6	8.6	8.8	2.0	1.9	2.0
Retail Trade	118.9	116.8	115.9	30.1	29.4	29.1	8.4	8.4	8.4
General Merchandise Stores	11.7	11.6	11.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	19.4	19.3	19.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	40.7	38.7	39.9	9.6	9.5	9.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.2	26.2	26.2	12.1	12.2	12.3	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	9.2	9.2	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.6	11.7	11.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	145.3	144.6	142.0	35.2	35.3	37.3	12.0	11.8	11.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	14.5	14.6	14.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	14.8	14.8	14.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	49.9	50.0	50.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	13.8	14.3	16.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	24.1	24.3	23.8	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.6	0.6	0.7
Local Government	44.9	44.7	44.3	8.7	8.9	8.7	3.2	3.2	3.0
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	630.7	636.8	643.5	596.3	602.1	599.3	34.4	34.7	44.2	5.5	5.4	6.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	48,500	49,800	47,900	46,200	47,700	45,200	2,300	2,100	2,700	4.8	4.2	5.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	49,700	50,400	49,300	46,700	47,000	45,300	2,900	3,400	4,000	5.9	6.7	8.1
Portland MSA	118,200	121,400	121,600	113,300	116,900	114,900	4,900	4,600	6,800	4.1	3.8	5.6
Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA	n/a	n/a	119,900	n/a	n/a	113,700	n/a	n/a	6,300	n/a	n/a	5.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	43,240	44,360	44,460	41,170	42,260	41,460	2,070	2,110	3,000	4.8	4.7	6.7
Bath-Brunswick	34,180	33,970	34,450	33,010	32,750	32,620	1,170	1,230	1,830	3.4	3.6	5.3
Belfast	12,130	12,420	12,430	11,420	11,680	11,460	710	740	970	5.8	5.9	7.8
Biddeford	36,930	37,620	37,960	35,560	36,180	35,890	1,370	1,450	2,070	3.7	3.8	5.4
Boothbay Harbor	9,620	9,890	9,450	9,380	9,690	9,120	240	210	340	2.5	2.1	3.6
Bucksport	5,400	4,980	5,580	5,110	4,750	5,250	280	230	340	5.2	4.7	6.1
Calais	5,140	5,170	5,330	4,620	4,660	4,610	520	510	720	10.2	9.8	13.4
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,670	12,550	12,770	11,490	11,240	11,530	1,180	1,300	1,250	9.3	10.4	9.8
Dover-Foxcroft	7,250	7,210	7,310	6,590	6,640	6,640	660	570	670	9.0	7.9	9.1
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	21,680	20,680	21,680	20,860	19,920	20,690	820	760	1,000	3.8	3.7	4.6
Farmington	17,120	17,580	17,930	16,060	16,070	16,520	1,060	1,510	1,400	6.2	8.6	7.8
Fort Kent	3,640	3,710	3,830	3,340	3,380	3,370	300	330	460	8.3	8.9	12.0
Greenville	1,230	1,220	1,220	1,120	1,130	1,130	110	90	90	9.0	7.3	7.3
Houlton	6,590	6,520	6,700	6,130	6,040	6,150	460	480	550	7.0	7.3	8.2
Jonesport-Milbridge	4,100	3,880	4,230	3,850	3,580	3,910	250	300	310	6.2	7.7	7.4
Kittery-York	18,960	19,230	18,700	18,510	18,820	18,150	450	410	550	2.4	2.2	3.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,720	5,820	5,710	5,280	5,390	5,230	440	440	470	7.7	7.5	8.3
Machias-Eastport	6,980	6,840	7,100	6,390	6,240	6,350	590	600	750	8.5	8.7	10.6
Madawaska	4,050	4,150	4,020	3,840	3,940	3,720	220	210	300	5.3	5.0	7.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,660	5,620	5,870	5,030	5,110	5,390	630	520	490	11.1	9.2	8.3
Norway-Paris	10,080	10,210	11,140	9,280	9,300	10,180	800	910	960	7.9	8.9	8.6
Outer Bangor	7,430	7,390	7,800	6,820	6,870	7,090	610	520	720	8.2	7.1	9.2
Patten-Island Falls	2,050	2,110	2,030	1,900	1,920	1,850	150	180	190	7.5	8.7	9.2
Presque Isle-Caribou	20,060	20,350	22,190	17,780	18,240	19,640	2,280	2,110	2,550	11.4	10.3	11.5
Rockland	22,050	22,380	22,370	21,260	21,560	21,260	790	820	1,110	3.6	3.7	5.0
Rumford	10,050	10,040	10,220	9,210	9,200	9,330	840	840	900	8.3	8.4	8.8
Sanford	21,450	21,060	21,460	20,250	19,790	19,690	1,200	1,280	1,770	5.6	6.1	8.3
Sebago Lakes Region	13,260	12,630	13,950	12,570	11,860	13,130	690	770	820	5.2	6.1	5.9
Skowhegan	15,890	15,300	16,230	14,590	13,990	14,660	1,300	1,310	1,570	8.2	8.5	9.7
Stonington	5,400	5,590	5,390	5,270	5,430	5,170	130	160	220	2.4	2.9	4.0
Van Buren	1,570	1,570	1,640	1,400	1,440	1,410	170	130	220	11.0	8.5	13.5
Waterville	22,780	23,190	23,510	21,010	21,480	21,370	1,760	1,710	2,130	7.7	7.4	9.1
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,827.9	n/a	n/a	1,713.5	n/a	n/a	114.4	n/a	n/a	6.3
Massachusetts	3,212.0	3,255.0	3,207.0	3,030.9	3,058.0	2,997.0	181.1	197.0	210.0	5.6	6.0	6.6
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	630.1	n/a	n/a	591.7	n/a	n/a	38.3	n/a	n/a	6.1
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	514.8	n/a	n/a	479.5	n/a	n/a	35.3	n/a	n/a	6.9
Vermont	312.1	310.8	317.0	300.1	299.7	302.8	12.0	11.1	14.2	3.8	3.6	4.5
UNITED STATES (000)	132,361	132,783	129,472	124,493	124,503	121,002	7,868	8,281	8,470	5.9	6.2	6.5

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the five-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	9,411	12,429	8,545	1,559	1,798	1,524	807	1,374	806

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1993					1994						
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Civilian Labor Force 1/	629.4	627.8	627.6	626.5	624.4	628.0	632.5	625.1	619.6	611.9	611.8	619.3	617.1
Resident Employment	577.1	575.2	575.9	575.1	574.7	568.6	585.5	582.3	579.8	576.6	573.5	575.	574.5
Unemployment	52.3	52.6	51.6	51.4	49.7	59.4	43.0	42.9	39.8	35.2	38.4	44.2	42.7
Percent of Labor Force	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.0	9.5	7.4	6.9	6.4	5.8	6.3	7.1	6.9
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	520.3	519.8	521.9	522.2	521.6	517.7	520.9	521.0	524.0	527.6	527.2	530.2	531.3
Construction	20.5	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.7	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	22.1	21.5	21.6	22.0
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.2	40.3	40.5	40.8	40.8	40.6	41.5	41.6	41.5	41.5	41.3	41.8	41.4
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.9	50.6	51.1	51.0	51.0	50.6	50.9	51.2	51.0	51.3	51.4	50.6	50.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.1	22.1	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.4	21.5	21.3	20.9	21.0	21.5	21.7	21.4
Wholesale Trade	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.5	23.4	23.3	23.3	23.2	23.1	23.2	23.4
Retail Trade	107.3	108.0	107.9	107.5	106.8	106.2	106.2	105.7	108.8	110.1	111.2	112.4	113.1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.0	25.9	25.9	26.1	26.1	25.9	25.8	25.8	25.8
Services	134.1	135.2	136.3	136.5	136.7	135.8	136.4	137.0	137.6	138.7	138.4	138.2	139.3
Government	95.9	93.9	94.0	93.6	93.3	92.1	93.4	93.3	93.2	93.8	92.9	94.8	94.7

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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